

Highlights of the 2010 OPEG Spring Exchange

The 2010 Spring Exchange conference theme was **Mixed Methods in Evaluation** and [Dr. Donna M. Mertens](#) of Gallaudet University was the keynote speaker. Donna specializes in conducting mixed methods research on projects involving marginalized populations. The American Evaluation Association recently honored her with the 2009 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Theory Award. We also had 12 additional presenters who shared their expertise in mixed methods and evaluation practice. See [2010 Spring Exchange Program](#) for details and photos below.



Presentation: *Divergence in Evaluation Mixed Methods: Transformative, Pragmatic and Dialectical Stances* by Donna M. Mertens, Ph.D. (Spring 2010 Keynote Speaker)



Presentation: *Moving Beyond the Numbers: Lessons Learned from an Interactive Reporting Tool Designed for Stakeholders, Legislators, and the Media* by Sheri Jones, M.A.



Presentation: *Evaluating Contracted Services in Child Welfare: A Multi-Faceted Approach* by Donald Peasley, Ph.D. and Katherine Canada, Ph.D.



Presentation: *Using Evaluation Results in a Statewide Preschool Initiative* by Nancy Zajano, Ph.D. and Stephanie Siddens, Ph.D.



Presentation: *Improving and Sustaining Systems using Mixed Methods of Evaluation* by Jennifer Armstrong, M.S. and Erika Cooksey, M.S.W.



Presentation: *Systems Thinking and Logic Models: Complementary Tools for Evaluation* by Jan Noga, M.Ed.



Presentation: *The School Success Program: Improving Maltreated Children's Academic and School-related Outcomes* by Christopher Mallett, Ph.D., Esq., L.I.S.W.